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Mr Sydney Philip Noe
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February 24th, 1933.

Dear Mr Noe,

As you so very kindly invited me to let you know if there was anything you could do to assist as regards my publication, there are two small items which I have failed to obtain from Washington, which I believe you would not find difficult to obtain in New York.

Only this morning I heard from the Adjutant-General War Department, and he wrote with respect to the recently instituted decorations: The Purple Heart, The Silver Star, and Soldiers' Medal. In sending me photographs, he failed to realise that in my work one of the chief features of it is the reproduction of the actual ribbons in colour. I have got now every ribbon of the United States, except the Soldiers' Medal, and the first ribbon for the Spanish Campaign Medal 1898, which as you know was changed. The ribbon I want a cutting of is the red, yellow, red, with narrow dark-blue edges. I would explain that in every case I show an original ribbon, which has subsequently been changed, so that the full history of the Medal is provided. This is important because numismatists may get a medal with an original ribbon attached, and this may cause confusion to a collector, unless an explanation is given in the text, as well as an illustration. I should also like to have the button or rosette of the Medal of Honor, if it is possible. I am writing to you rather than Tiffany and Co, as being rather pressed for time, I don't want to risk writing to them and finding that they can't supply me with these three items.

I would mention that the Publisher's Prospectus has been ready now for some weeks and is being held back by them, as I suggested it should, until there is some indication of an improved economic condition. But will there ever be? The outlook in the world gets worse, Germany seems ripe for revolution, Rumania ditto, and where is the Sino-Japanese war going to land the countries having extra-territorial

rights. Politicians are the damnation of the universe.
Economics are not capable of being understood as an
arithmetical science, because political intrigue, and
manoeuvre enters into the whole field, and dominates it!!!!

with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Jocelyn.

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The cuttings of the two
ribbons should be.
not less than 2 inches.
but if 2 inches cannot
be obtained of the
Spanish Campaign Medal ribbon
as much as can be spared.

March 9, 1933.

Captain Arthur Jocelyn
Streate Place
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Bournemouth, England.

Dear Sir:

We are sending you either in this enclosure or in a separate package a sample of the Spanish campaign medal, Army, with the ribbon that you desired; also a service bar of the Soldier's medal. This is the only specimen of this ribbon we have on hand. I am also enclosing two of the buttons of the present form of our Medal of Honor; one a dirty one which you can keep, but the new one we would like returned when you are through with it as it is from our exhibition. I am also sending the old type with the second ribbon. This naturally is very rare and we would like that returned as it is the only specimen we have. Also, a button made of red, blue and white silk cord that is evidently quite old. It came to us labelled "Button of the Medal of Honor, Navy" and probably was the first form. I have never had this confirmed as it is impossible to find out anything from the government that took place years ago, and on little things like this they probably have no record. This we would like returned. I am also enclosing two of the present form of enamelled lapel insignia that the government now issues with all of the new medals. As far as I know they may have in stock those of previous medals for which there may be call for. These two you can keep as we have others. I am also enclosing a bit of the certificate of Merit Badge ribbon. This is like the piece we illustrate in Belden's book. You will notice that it has a wide central white stripe. These medals are rather rare and I have never had a chance to see many of them and never noticed in detail the ribbon. We have this ribbon on one that was awarded to a man and on one we ordered direct from the government in 1915. The ribbon on this latter one has a center white stripe one mm. wide, virtually the same width as one of the white stripes on the Soldier's Medal I am sending you. I do not know which was the first ribbon and which was the second but presume the narrower stripe is of the second ribbon, on account of getting it in 1915. I am sorry I cannot give you two inches on the Soldier's Medal.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Streate Place.
St Peter's Road,
Bournemouth.

March 20th 1933.

Mr Howland Wood,
Curator,
The American Nunismatic Society.
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Dear Mr Howland Wood,

I hasten to acknowledge your letter of March 9th, in which you enclose a number of very valuable contributions for the N.S. Section of my work. It is difficult to convey how very grateful I am to you for these items which are, I think, essential to illustrate and which certainly will put the finishing touch to your section.

I will pay all heed to the requests you make as regards returning certain of the rosettes and will take good care of them meanwhile. Incidentally, I have heard this morning from the Publishers that they are releasing their prospectus of the work this week, and you will now get yours in a few days. When you have got it, I should greatly appreciate your opinion of the character of the work so far as the prospectus will admit of your judging of it.

Also it may interest you to know, in case any of the Members of your Society should be in London at the end of next June, that an Exhibition is being held which is to be opened by Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby, on June 29th. This Exhibition, which will last a month is at Spink's Gallery, King Street, St James's, and will consist of a display of the whole collection of the ribbons of every country in the world.

Again thanking you most sincerely for all your kindness and help.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Louisa